

# EXHIBIT 4

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO ex rel.	)	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	)	CASE NO.
DAVE YOST	)	
30 E. Broad Street, 14th Floor	)	JUDGE
Columbus, Ohio 43215	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	<b>COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR</b>
	)	<b>DECLARATORY JUDGMENT,</b>
DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION	)	<b>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF,</b>
d/b/a DOLLAR GENERAL	)	<b>CONSUMER RESTITUTION, AND</b>
100 Mission RDG	)	<b>CIVIL PENALTIES</b>
Goodlettsville, TN 37072	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Plaintiff, State of Ohio, through Attorney General Dave Yost, having reasonable cause to believe that violations of Ohio's consumer protection laws have occurred, brings this action in the public interest and on behalf of the State of Ohio under the authority vested in the Attorney General by R.C. 1345.07.
2. The actions of Defendant Dollar General Corporation, as described below, have occurred in Ohio, including in Butler County, and, as set forth below, are in violation of the Consumer Sales Practices Act ("CSPA"), R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and its Substantive Rules, Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C") 109:4-3-01 et seq.
3. Jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action lies with this Court pursuant to R.C. 1345.04 of the CSPA.
4. This Court has venue to hear this case pursuant to Ohio Civ. R. 3(C)(3) because Butler County is one of the Ohio counties in which the Defendant conducted activity that gave rise to the claim for relief.

**DEFENDANT**

5. Defendant is a Tennessee corporation that has been registered with the Tennessee Secretary of State since May 29, 1998.
6. Defendant's principal place of business is 100 Mission RDG, Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072.
7. Defendant engaged in consumer transactions using the name Dollar General.
8. Defendant registered the trade name, Dollar General, with the Ohio Secretary of State on March 2, 2015.
9. Defendant is a "supplier," as that term is defined in R.C. 1345.01(C), as Defendant engaged in the business of effecting "consumer transactions," either directly or indirectly, by soliciting or selling goods or services to "consumers" for purposes that were primarily for personal, family or household use, as those terms are defined in R.C. 1345.01(A), (C) and (D).

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

10. Defendant has been at all times relevant to this action engaged in the business of selling consumer goods in the State of Ohio, including in Butler County.
11. Defendant offers sales of household goods at multiple store locations throughout Ohio using advertisements on their shelves to display the price of goods.
12. When the goods are scanned for purchase at the register, the price that is charged to the consumer is different than the price advertised on the shelf.
13. Consumers are damaged when they pay prices higher than the advertised price, whether they realize the pricing difference at the point of sale or not.

**CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATIONS OF THE CSPA**

**Count I – Unfair and Deceptive Acts and Practices**

14. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if completely rewritten herein, the allegations set forth in Paragraphs One through Thirteen (1-13) of this Complaint.
15. Defendant committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the CSPA, R.C. 1345.02(A) and R.C. 1345.02(B)(8), by representing that a specific price advantage exists, if it does not.
16. The acts or practices described above have been previously determined by Ohio courts to violate the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq. Defendants committed said violations after such decisions were available for public inspection pursuant to R.C. 1345.05(A)(3).

**Count II - Bait Advertising**

17. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if completely rewritten herein, the allegations set forth in Paragraphs One through Thirteen (1-13) of this Complaint.
18. Defendant committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the CSPA, R.C. 1345.02(A), and the Bait Advertising Rule, O.A.C. 109:4-3-03, by making offers of sales of goods when such offers are not a bona fide effort to sell such a good.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court grant the following relief:

- A. DECLARE, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(A)(1), that each act or practice complained of herein violates the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and its Substantive Rules, O.A.C. 109:4-3-01 et seq., in the manner set forth in this Complaint.

- B. ISSUE A PERMANENT INJUNCTION, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(A)(2), enjoining Defendant, doing business under its own name or any other names, its agents, representatives, salespersons, employees, successors, or assigns, and all other persons acting in concert and participation with Defendant, directly or indirectly, from engaging in the acts or practices of which Plaintiff complains and from further violating the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and its Substantive Rules, O.A.C. 109:4-3-01 et seq., including, but not limited to, violating the specific statutes and rules alleged to have been violated herein.
- C. ASSESS, FINE, AND IMPOSE upon Defendant a civil penalty of \$25,000 for each separate and appropriate violation described herein, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(D).
- D. ORDER Defendant, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(B), to pay actual damages to all consumers injured by the conduct of Defendant.
- E. ISSUE AN INJUNCTION prohibiting Defendant from engaging in business as a supplier in any consumer transaction in Ohio until such time as Defendant has satisfied all monetary obligations ordered by this Court or any other Ohio court, in connection with a consumer transaction.
- F. GRANT the Plaintiff its costs in bringing this action including, but not limited to, the costs of collecting on any judgment awarded.
- G. ORDER Defendant to pay all court costs.
- H. GRANT such other relief as the Court deems to be just, equitable, and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Case Judge: Oster Jr., Honorable Michael A.
- Next Event: 01/12/2023









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11/01/2022	FUNDS ON DEPOSIT FOR COURT COST.	\$0.00	
11/01/2022	INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK: Mail a certified copy of the complaint to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division pursuant to ORC 1345.09(E).		
11/01/2022	General Division Special Projects Fee pursuant to Local Rule 4.13.	\$165.00	
11/01/2022	Legal aid fees pursuant to ORC 2303.210 (C).	\$26.00	
11/01/2022	General Division Arbitration/Mediation Special Project Fee pursuant Local Rule 4.12.	\$30.00	
11/01/2022	Clerk of Courts Computerization Fee pursuant to ORC 2303.201 (B)(1).	\$20.00	
11/01/2022	Court Computerization Fee pursuant to ORC 2303.201 (A)(1).	\$6.00	
11/01/2022	Complaint & Filing fee for each cause of action ORC 2303.20(A).	\$25.00	
11/01/2022	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE FILED	\$2.00	
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